# Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Working Group July $7^{th}$ , 2011

Introduction to Working Group members and why the ORMP is important to us.

## City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Information on projects and discussion on topics of statewide concern **#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Information on City planning initiatives **Importance of ORMP to our agency:** Opportunity to share information

## County of Hawai'i, Planning Department

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** The top benefits we see from participating in the ORMP are the great agency collaboration and sharing of news and knowledge that occurs.

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** We contribute the practical connection between regulating development and ocean resource management. We help to identify research and study needs that will help us to make better land use decisions.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** The ORMP helps to keep our staff and management working in cooperation with other state and county agencies as well as staying informed of the latest resources, including tools and funding sources that may be available for greater management of our ocean resources.

## County of Kaua'i, Planning Department

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Peer contributions; what is happening on one island can mirror issues or concerns on other islands; the opportunity for open communication with collaborative agencies.

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** We collectively contribute our knowledge, experiences, background to help promote the ORMP.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** ORMP allows the different agencies to communicate through non-formal channels of communication, round table discussion of state wide solutions to individual islands issues. This allows frank, honest, non-threatening communication.

## County of Maui, Planning Department, Coastal Zone Management Program

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** ORMP provides Maui County with 1) a broad support network of experts, 2) strengthens our collaboration in the Conservation District, and has 3) strengthened our relationship with Big Island and Kauai Planning Departments through ORMP to explore a broad spectrum of common issues. **#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Maui County has a venue to provide practical examples of land-use development and planning as well as can document coastal zone management impacts that strengthen components of the ORMP.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** 1) Maui County is implementing a \$25,000 National Sea Grant Program Grant, entitled, Adaptive Planning for Sea-level Rise in Maui and Hawaii Counties and 2) has implemented an afternoon standing monthly County Caucus meeting with ORMP.

# Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture Development Program

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** The Office of Planning has established a great forum for collaboration where Federal, State and County entities can meet to discuss complex issues regarding ORMP and other topics. **#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** The Department of Agriculture/Aquaculture Development Program advocates food production for the State - the ocean must be developed as a sustainable food source (in addition to wild catch) to help meet society's needs.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** The ORMP reinforces the complexity of ocean administration and governance and widens the context of the HDOA to take into account other perspectives.

## Department of Health, Polluted Runoff Control Program

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Opportunity to explain the State's requirements in the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments and to develop and implement Hawaii's Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** Opportunity for collaborative interagency processes where program strategies coincide with ORMP agenda

## Department of Land & Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Wildlife

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Provides a forum for sharing of information and collaboration between main parties responsible for regulating activities affecting soil, water and near shore, land management agencies, and county planners & permitting agencies.

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Forestry & Wildlife brings largest landowner to table; Hawaii's Forestry Management Plan was written specifically to complement and reiterate the ORMP.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** No other work group in the State has the diversity of agencies represented, and the people on the Working Group all have a high degree of credibility and influence within their organizations. Also provides an invaluable forum for sharing of information regarding planned or ongoing projects, research and outreach.

## Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** The ORMP Working Group provides an important and unique resource for networking, vetting policies and plans, and discussing real time cross-jurisdictional issues. **#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Our organization brings the combined assets of the Conservation District

planners, coastal land managers, and Sea Grant Extension to the table.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** The interaction with peers, who also work in the coastal and marine environment, is invaluable. There are numerous issues that span multiple jurisdictions and the Working Group meetings are the only venue in the state that allows a group this diverse to meet and discuss them.

# Department of Transportation, Harbors Division

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Collaborating with a variety of agencies & organizations; Insight of ocean resource issues

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP**: Sharing perspective of the commercial harbors system with agencies **Importance of ORMP to our agency:** Efficiency of addressing critical issues that don't stop at jurisdictional boundaries

## Hawaii State Civil Defense

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Information on identification and assessment of coastal risks, coastal capabilities in mitigation, and information about long-term coastal risk mitigation strategies

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Incorporation into the State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan of coastal studies, mitigation plans and mitigation actions that reduce coastal risk to people and property

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** Access to and updates on information and data developed to identify coastal hazard risks, mitigation capabilities and mitigation strategies in coastal hazard areas

## Honolulu Board of Water Supply

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Understanding climate change adaptation planning

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Watershed management planning, infrastructure engineering and community collaboration experience

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** Ensures our long range plans are comprehensive and inclusive

#### Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Working with other agencies to advance the CZM Program **#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** We are an advocacy body; we can bring attention to key issues **Importance of ORMP to our organization:** We can learn a lot from other agencies, and the Working Group can help guide our efforts.

## NOAA Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Staying current on marine related issues affecting Hawaii's oceans, networking with other agencies, opportunities for collaboration.

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Provide updates on our sanctuary process to keep partner agencies informed, share experiences with public process on controversial issues that may affect other agencies.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** The State of Hawaii's ORMP provides an overall framework for implementing management actions in the coastal and nearshore environment of Hawaii. It is critical that NOAA sanctuaries operate within this framework since the sanctuary is co-managed by the State of Hawaii. The ORMP working group is an opportunity to ensure a high level of coordination with our state partner and to actively participate in shared initiatives.

#### NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** The ability to work within the partnership to align efforts from the state/local level with national support or for national initiatives with the regional leadership.

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Participation allows me to be involved in the collaborative work effort between local, state, and federal agencies and provide insight from a national coastal zone management perspective.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** Access to this group is vitally important for me to continue to engage in the efforts of many agencies and organizations all working on coastal and ocean management.

## Office of Hawaiian Affairs

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** We are part of the ongoing conversation regarding the use of our coastal and related resources.

#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP: Opportunity to collaborate on Native Hawaiians concerns.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** The work of the ORMP is central to two parts of OHA's strategic plan: 'Aina Land & Water and Mo'omeheu Culture.

#### Office of Planning, Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Cross-sector collaboration that often does not happen otherwise. **#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** ORMP staff and facilitation, implementation funding opportunities, networking opportunities, partnerships for new initiatives such as climate change adaptation planning and regional ocean partnerships.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency/org:** ORMP provides a foundation for the work we do in the Hawaii CZM Program, and the partnerships gained through ORMP have been invaluable.

## Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS)

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Through the contacts we've made within the ORMP (working and policy group) we've been able to increase the efficiency with which we do business with state and federal agencies and better gather user requirements to guide our future development.

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** We provide partners on the ORMP with timely, reliable, and accurate information on the coastal and ocean waters of the Hawaiian Islands and serve to translate historical and recent scientific data into understandable, actionable information.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** The ORMP is essential to our ongoing mission to engage state and federal partners on ocean information requirements.

## United States Army Corps of Engineers

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** Increased understanding of State and County issues and priorities **#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Opportunities to provide water resource technical and planning assistance to the State and Counties

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** ORMP has provided an important forum for collaboration to the US Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program. Because of the breadth of the ORMP mission, we have chosen to

partner with ORMP, along with PRiMO, in our new Silver Jackets Initiative that focuses on addressing risk management issues collaboratively.

#### **United States Coast Guard**

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** The ORMP provides an important forum to bring together agencies and organizations to leverage available resources and achieve unity of effort.

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** The Coast Guard has air, land and sea resources stationed throughout the Hawaiian Islands dedicated to environmental stewardship and responsible for the enforcement of federal environmental laws.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** The unique combination of agencies and organizations enables a wide range of environmental concerns and initiatives to be properly vetted.

## University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** ORMP is a venue for indentifying common interests and forming and maintaining partnerships with federal, state, and local organizations.

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP:** Sea Grant has been intricately engaged in assisting in State Planning and CZM's efforts to develop a climate policy.

Importance of ORMP to our agency: UH Sea Grant has adopted the ORMP in its own strategic plan.

## University of Hawaii, Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy (ICAP)

**#1 Benefit from participating in ORMP:** ICAP welcomes the opportunity to work with federal, state, local, and community partners to enhance adaptation planning.

**#1 Thing we contribute to ORMP**: ICAP provides background research for a statewide adaptation plan, and identifies resources and opportunities enabling ORMP partners to develop sound preparedness strategies. In 2009, ICAP assisted in preparing *A Framework for Climate Change Adaptation in Hawai'i*—a working paper to facilitate adaptation planning in the state.

**Importance of ORMP to our agency:** The ORMP Working and Policy groups provide an existing multi-sector structure that is needed for sustained efforts and decision-making to proactively address climate change impacts.